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SUPERINTENDENT LUNA ANNOUNCES *STUDENTS COME FIRST* TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

BOISE – Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced today the 38-member *Students Come First* Technology Task Force that will help implement the unprecedented investments in classroom technology that are part of Idaho's education reform laws.

Under Senate Bill 1184, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will chair a task force to help in implementing the technology components of the *Students Come First* law. Specifically, this task force will study and develop plans for the one-to-one ratio of mobile computing devices in high schools. Once the State Board of Education determines the number of online courses to graduate, the task force also will develop implementation plans for the requirement, in addition to the necessary professional development for teachers and other topics determined by the task force chairman.

"This task force will play a critical role in implementing key components of the *Students Come First* laws and creating the 21st Century Classroom for every Idaho student, no matter where they live. I'm confident in the group we have put together," Superintendent Luna said. "Through this task force, we have pulled together individuals from education, technology, and the business community to work together in making this implementation successful for every child."

Under the law, the task force had to be made up of at least 28 members, 17 of which the State Superintendent appointed and 11 of which were appointed by educational stakeholder groups, the Idaho Legislature and the Office of the Governor. Superintendent Luna expanded the task force to 38 members to include parents, school board trustees, and more classroom teachers.

Now, 12 educators will be serving on the task force, including four current classroom teachers. Teachers include: Idaho's 2011 Teacher of the Year Stefani Cook, a business teacher at Rigby High School, and 2009 Milken Educator of the Year Aaron McKinnon, a science teacher at South Junior High in Boise.

The task force also includes the House and Senate Education Committee Chairmen, Democratic Rep. Wendy Jaquet, Superintendent Linda Clark of Joint School District No. 2 (Meridian), and Bonneville School District Trustee Wendy Horman, among others. The full list of task force appointees is attached.

The first task force meeting will be held June 13-14, 2011 in the Auditorium room at the Idaho Statehouse. It will be open to the public. The task force will meet throughout the year.

For more information on the *Students Come First* Technology Task Force, visit
<http://www.studentscomefirst.org/technologytaskforce.htm>.



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The following is a list of the members of the *Students Come First* Technology Task Force. Biographies on each member are attached.

Representative	Name	Organization
District Superintendent	Andy Grover	Melba School District
District Superintendent	Alan Dunn	Sugar-Salem School District
District Superintendent	Linda Clark	Joint School District No. 2 (Meridian)
District Superintendent	Colby Gull	Challis School District
District Technology Director	Christopher Campbell	Genesee School District
District Technology Director	Keven Denton	Joint School District No. 2 (Meridian)
Secondary Principal	Bicker Therien	New Plymouth High School
Secondary Principal	Spencer Barzee	West Side School District
Business Manager	Jenn Johnson	Moscow School District
Head of Virtual School	Desiree Laughlin	Idaho Virtual Academy
Head of Secondary Charter School	Alan Millar	Sandpoint Charter School
Secondary Teacher	Salvatore Lorenzen	Post Falls High School
Secondary Teacher	Stefani Cook	Rigby High School
Private Education Sector	Eileen Lento	Intel
Business Community	Gary Smith	Board member of ESTech
Business Community	Jayson Ronk	Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry
Business Community	Michael Fornander	Data Projections Inc.
Parent	Maria Nate	Rexburg
Parent	Mary Vollmer	Aberdeen
School Board Trustee	Debbie Critchfield	Cassia County School District
School Board Trustee	Wendy Horman	Bonneville School District
School Board Trustee	Melinda Smyser	Parma School District
At-Large	Marne Curtis	Teacher, Gooding Elementary School
At-Large	Aaron McKinnon	Teacher, South Junior High School, Boise
At-Large	Cliff Green	Insight Schools
At-Large	Rep. Wendy Jaquet	House of Representatives
At-Large	Heidi Rogers	Executive Director, Northwest



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Idaho Education Association	Sherri Wood	President, Idaho Education Association
Northwest Professional Educators	Brad Patzer	Member
Idaho Association of School Administrators	George Boland	Superintendent, Idaho Falls School District
Idaho School Boards Association	Brian Duncan	Trustee, Minidoka County School District
Idaho Business Coalition for Education Excellence	Brent Lloyd	President and CEO, Futura Corporation
Idaho Digital Learning Academy	Mike Caldwell	Director of Academics, Idaho Digital Learning Academy
Idaho House of Representatives	Rep. Bob Nonini	Chair, House Education Committee R-Coeur d'Alene
Idaho House of Representatives	Rep. Reed DeMordaunt	R-Eagle
Idaho Senate	Sen. John Goedde	Chair, Senate Education Committee R-Coeur d'Alene
Idaho Senate	Sen. Chuck Winder	R-Boise
Office of the Governor	Christine Donnell	Former educator and district superintendent

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